Overcharging on Combiflam

311. SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) when his Ministry noticed about the overcharging of price of Combiflam formulations;

(b) what was the price fixed by Government and what price of each formulation was being charged by the Company and since when;

(c) when were the details asked from the Company and what are the details of information asked;

(d) by when the amount overcharged would be assessed;

(e) when was the State Drugs Controller, West Bengal asked to initiate legal action for violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order and what is the progress;

(f) by when legal action as per law would be taken;

(g) whether it is a fact that a number of other instances of overcharging has come to the notice of his Ministry; and

(h) if so, what are the details of such instances under DPCO 1979 and 1987 and action taken?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (f) Most of the information has already been submitted in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 2 answered on 30.4.1990. The details of price fixed from time to time by the Government in respect of Combiflam tablets and the price charged thereof by the Company is given below:—

Price in rupees for 10' strip.

Date	Price fixed by the Government under D.P.C.O. 1987		Price charged by the Company	
1-12-88	4.90		12.00	
14-6-89	5.43	(Ceiling price)	12.00	till mid August 1989 and thereafter Rs. 5.43.
18-8-89	6.44	(Ceiling price)	6.44	

(g) and (h) As and when the instances of over-charging are brought to the notice of the Government, necessary action as per rules is taken.

Sale of imported bulk drugs

312. SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:
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SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1655 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of imported bulk drugs were sold in the country without any price approval under DPCO, 1979;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the importers did not submit any application for price approval;

(c) what is the total number of applications received for price approval